



## Family Readiness Statement

“The Corps’ most valuable resource  
is the individual Marine and their family.”  
MCO 1754.9A



Marines, Sailors, and Family Members of VMM-162,

With the increased operations of today’s military, our Nation calls on us more frequently to deploy in defense of our country and national interests. To counter the stress of increased demands on the troops, our Family Readiness Program is here to support our Marines, Sailors, and families in balancing their professional goals alongside their personal and family commitments. This balance is imperative to the operational readiness of our married and single Marines and Sailors, as well as the unit as a whole.

My vision here at VMM-162 is to not only take care of our Marines, Sailors, and families, but also create stronger, more educated military and family members while serving with us. We will take advantage of the Family Readiness Officer’s knowledge and access to the wide variety of programs available to educate, train and prepare you for the challenges faced by today’s military families. The Command, Family Readiness Officer, and Marine Corps Community Services are here to assist and empower you with the tools and knowledge necessary to make your military life a success. It is imperative for Marines to be backed by informed, educated, and resilient family members in order to increase unit readiness and remain highly successful in combat.

The strength and relevance of the Family Readiness Program rely on your active participation. I expect all Marines and Sailors to be involved in our program, and strongly encourage all family members to play an active role in achieving personal and family readiness by becoming involved with the unit. I cannot emphasize enough how crucial family members’ involvement is to their Marines’ successful career and the unit’s ability to accomplish its mission.

I would like to especially thank our families for your support. I recognize your sacrifice and sincerely appreciate the commitment you have made to your Marine or Sailor, and to the VMM-162 family as a whole. I look forward to meeting each of you.

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